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EXTRACTS FROM THE LETTER-BOOK OF JAMES
CLAYPOOLE.

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PHILADELPHIA y^e 1st. 12 mo 1683.

WM. END & DANLL SAVORY

My 2 last to Wm End was y^e 19 4 mo & 10 5 mo from London, since have noat from you: I ꝑceive by a letter to me lately from Fran & Geo Rogers that they will not pay you any part of that mony due to me by Gamble & Wheddon, so I have ordered them to keep it all in their own hands & have made up accot. with them Accordingly, so to answer y^e 7. 17. 6 due to you. for mony reed of Miles Foster I send you inclosed Tho Holmes bill on John Tottenham for 8 lb pble to yor selves or ord^r in Cooke at 20 da. sight, the value of myselfe wch will Ballance accot. between us. here is a letter of Advise with the Bill wch allso Mentions a bill of 6 lb sent Fran & Geo Rogers Miles Forster is arrived in East Jarsey & is there Secretary wch is a verry propp & profitable place for him, so its probable now he will pay you those bonds sooner than y^e time exprest for I thinke he is an honest Ingenuous dilligent man, we are all in health & lik y^e place verry well with my true love to you both I rest
Yor.

PHYLADELPHIA y^e 1st. 12 mo 1683

THOMAS COOKE

My last to thee was the 30 4 mo from London wherein I advised that I had paid the ballance of thy acct being £51—14 to Jno Bawden & Jno Gardner, since have none from thee, we sayled from Gravesend abt. y^e 25 5 mo and were seaven weeks between sight of England and America, & we have all had our health indifferent well, and like the place and countrey, and the blessing of the Lord is our portion,

and his presence and love & life we enjoy to our great comfort and satisfaction, I should have written to thee and other friends long before this time, but first for above a month, which took up most of the 9th. month we were getting our goods on shore and settling them & than the 10th & 11th. month have been so cold, that we could seldome write, and the Societys business hath taken up so much of my time, besides the great uncertainty in such opportunitys as we had for sending, so that all things considered I may be verry well excused, I might give thee a large Account of the countrey, and divers matters relating thereunto, but thou may have it by word of mouth wth more satisfaction from Jasper Fariner by whom I send this only as to P vision till we can raze some of our own, they are and will be deare, vizt Porke & beef salt or fresh 3d P lb wch is $\frac{4}{5}$ value of English money, vizt. 15d is an English shilling, & a ps $\frac{8}{9}$ wch cost there 4—5—goes here for 6s Butter and cheese by retaile 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, big wholesale 6 d. at least I believe Irish beefe and Porke, will field currantly 40s. P brl. in Quantitys, so if thou or any other have a mind to send a small vessell from 50 to 100 ton wth P vision hither may doubtless turn to a very good acct. thou may consign to me if thou pleases I shall doe as well as I can for thee, and for returns for y^e pceed we have timber and Pipe Staves, but the principall thing is Piggs of fine Silver wch we Purchase under 5d. P oz starl., and sometimes bills of Exchange present, I am now Sending for London a bill of Exchange for a good Summe, and near 400 oz of fine silver, besides we shall have tobacco to send, and the goods of the southern Plantations, as Sugar, Cotton Indigo & Ginger &c. for here are 2 if not 3 Ships going to those parts at this time, and there is a Sloop with a great many men lys below in the river bound to fetch Silver from the rack, so that I hope we shall have a trade in a few years, as well as our neighbours as New England, Virginia, Maryland &c we have corne plentifull in the countrey though it is now dear here because the river hath been long frozen, Indian corne 3s. Wheat 5s. Rye 4s. P bush : English goods we sell generally for almost double money, wch is 60 to 70 P %

advance, Irish frize & Stockings is a good commodity, it is now very cold and time is short through multiplicity of other business, so for further advice I must referr & at present conclude

PHYLADELPHIA the 1st. 12 mo 1683

ROBERT ROGERS

I intended to write to thee and some other Friends soon after my arrivall In America, which was the 1st day of the 8th month, but had not an opportunity for sending & have had a great deal of trouble in settling my goods and family, and for two months together it hath been so cold I could seldome write, I might give thee a large account of the cuntry and trade and matters relating thereunto but thou may have it wth more satisfaction from Jasper Farmer by whom I send this, only as to ~~the~~vision till we can raze some of our own &c as mentioned to Tho Cooke verbatim.

PHILADELPHIA the 13th 12 mo 1683

EDWARD HAISTWELL

I have not written to thee since I came hither, nor to any one in England, having met with many exercises and hindrances, so I have before me to answer thine 31st 5 mo 16 6 mo & 1 8 mo as to Sr. St. Jno. Broidrick who I perceive complains against me I shall write him a letter in a little time by another messenger that is to goe hence for Maryland and so for England which may satisfye him, at least vindicate my reputation from his slanders, Inclosed I send a 1st. bill drawn by our Governour Wm Penn upon John Danoas of Corseham for 30 lb starld. pble to George Foreman at 10 da. sight and by him Indorced to me, and by me to thee wch is to be paid at Philip Fords, I desire thee receive the said 30 lb for my account as soon as thou canst and pay to Thomas Hart £15 & take a receipt in full I say 15 lb & pay Jno. Haywood 5s. pvided he will give a receipt in full I thought I had ordered it soe from Deale, the rest of the 30 lb & wt. other money thou hast of mine in thy hands pay to Edwd. Man in part I have 4 small wedges of fine silver

near 400^l oz which I keep for an opportunity to send for England, and have had some of it near 3 months also have some Beavors, Raccons, Musquasses & buck skins to send ^{to} first which shall be for Ralph Weeks in full Allexander Parker & Edwd. Man and if I can get another great wedg of silver which I have been treating for, I shall send it to thee and give order for goods to be sent me, here is Tobacco, Skins, Silver, Pipe staves & timber to be had for returns for England, and whale oyle & bone our Fishermen have taken 4 or 5 Whales allready in the Bay and are like to continue fishing till the end of y^e next month wch will be the best time, and there is hopes of getting a great many, if thou sends ps $\frac{3}{8}$ may be a very good commodity, & I can returne thee fine Silver wch we buy here for a ps $\frac{3}{8}$ & 4d. starld ^{to} oz and may be worth in England from 5—6 to 5—9 ^{to} oz there is a vessell going out of the River, that has lain here all this winter wth. abt. 100 men bound for the Rack to fetch silver from whence we have had a great Quantity there may be expectation of bringing 20 oz. 30000 lb worth, I had a very abusive letter from Francis & George Rogers to which I have sent them an answer directly for Ireland and a bill of Exc^a. for the ballance of their acct. drawn by Tho. Holmes, so thou must not send the books if not already sent, but if so have ordered them to return me the ^{to} proceed in some provisions, I have assigned them the whole money of Gamble & Wheddon so have sent Wm. End & Danl. Savory a bill alsoe to ballance their account, I am to have something from Saml. Clarridge, wch when thou writes to him put him in mind of it, and further I have noe account depending with any one In Ireland, Remembr mine & my wifes dear love to P. F. A. P & wife, P. W. & wife, must write to them all & to many other Friends, as to Tho : Hart Jno. Osgood Ph. Ford Wm. Sharlow Jno. Sweetaple Jno. Bawden, Ed. Man Tho. Glover Jno. Wallis Wm. Purrier J. Hall R Gawthorn to whom remember me ^{to} particularly & to our maids & Kingstonee Friends Jno. Rouse & wife have sent considerable effects to my brother Edwd. at Barbadoes and shall send more wh. opportunity psents ^{to} advice ^{to} first

& wt. news, my time is expired so must conclude though
have many things to write

Thy Loving Friend

Direct and seale y^e Inclosed.

PHILADELPHIA 12th 12 mo 1683

DEAR FRIEND

CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR

Concerning my deputation from thee to serve in the Register office &c. I have considered that it will not be for the Credit. of the Governour nor neither of us for me to act as a Deputy in that wch. is but the business of one man, neither is there any need of a Deputy but by reason of thy removing from hence, where the office must be kept, And this way of getting grants for offices, and putting in deputys for a share of the gain may be an ill President, and made use of to the peoples wrong in times to come, wch. we must be carefull of for truths honour & our own, and further I believe the Governour would not have conferred that office upon thee, had he expected thou wouldst have removed from thence, so this I have to propose that thou consent in answer to this to let me (if the Governour please to grant it) have a Pattent for the office in my own name, and I will signe and seale to thee any obligation that is p^o to pay to thee y^e $\frac{1}{3}$ pt. of the Profit of the sd. office, wch. wth. my true love to thee & thy wife

I desire thee let the bearer Isaac Pearson the Govend. smith have as many coles as the shallop will carry without measuring & for wt. is or will be farther measured I hope thou wilt keep some small acct. & I shall serve thee in a greater matter, Let the Coles now to be sent to be out of the 1st heap if there be enough, I doe not p^opose to have a pattent for the office for any advantage or profit beyond wt. I have in being thy deputy for I desire but $\frac{2}{3}$ as above but to prevent reflections wch. has been grossly given already in publick neither doe I insist upon it to have the office my selfe but leave it to thee to settle any other in it if thou please, for as a deputy I cannot will not serve

PHYLADELPHIA 24th 12 mo 168 $\frac{3}{4}$

DEAR FRIEND GAWEN LAURIE

I was very glad to hear of thy safe arrivall in East Jarsey and should have written to thee by Wm. Hage, but about the time of his going hence, I had business in hand that required necessity of dispatch, and sometimes it falls out so here, that one has not an hour to spare in severall days but I hope when this summer & the next winter is past, we shall have more rest and quietness, I long to see thee and to have some discourse with thee, which to attain I must break through difficulties, and lay aside my business, and I think it will not bee many weeks first the weather being also encouraging, I have often thought it would have been as a blessing and comfort to us, if it had been the will of the Lord to have cast our lots near together in this part of the world, that we might have enjoyed the benefit of thy good society & Counsell here, as we have in our native countrey, which has been an Advantage to us both inwardly & outwardly, however I hope we shall still live in that blessed union, and fellowship of the Gospell, & heavenly love, that we may bee always ready, and willing to lend a helping hand in time of need: Since we came from England as well as before, the Lord our God has been with us and blessed us, and preserved us through many trialls and dangers we had a comfortable passage and the presence of the Lord was with us, and we were kept in the Saviour of life, so that our conversation was such as becomes the gospell, and answered the witness of God in all people, after we lost sight of England, that day 7 weeks we got sight of American land, and the 1st. 8 mo (which was the month I was borne in Just 49 year) I went ashore in Pennsylvania, about the 10th we came to this place staying on board 7 or 8 days to get our goods out of the ship we had before we came here the carcase of a house finished 40 foot long & 20 broad with a cellar, and we have added 20 foot to it, and have been from that day to this fitting it to dwell in, my lott proves to be one of the best in the Town, having 102 foot to the River & 396 long & abt. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre in the high street, there is a swamp runs

by the side of my lott, that with a small charge might be made navigable, and a brave harbour for sloops and small ships, here are divers ways to improve a stock of 1 or 2000 lb to very great advantage, but I am not for striving or making hast to be rich, but my Intent and desire is to goe on quietly and moderately and to have a regard to the Lord in all my ways and Proceedings and principally and above all to seek the kingdome of God and the righteousness thereof, that his plantation work may goe on as well as ours, that righteousness may run down like a stream, and peace & truth may kiss each other, that we may grow as trees of righteousness the planting of the Lord, and bring forth fruit to his praise, we have had our share of trialls & troubles here but the Lord has been with us, and comforted us with his presence, and life and power, and the Joys of his Salvation, so that our consolation has abounded and far Exceeded our troubles, so that we have noe cause to repent our coming hither, but to bless the Lord for his leading hand and counsell, we have here verry pretious heavenly meetings, and many Friends have a blessed living testimony, and we are united in sincere love, so that we have the mark upon us of the disciples of Christ Jesus Wm Penn our Governour has been Exceeding kind, and is so still to me & my Family as if we were his nearest relations, and I hope his love will continue, & I know it will, as wee abide in Christ Jesus the heavenly vine the root of life from whom we receive nourishment, for that is the spring & fountaine of the Everlasting love & fellowship: Truly he is very pretious in his Testimony, and conversation, and we may be sure he takes counsell of the Lord, for there is much of the wisdom that is from above manifest in his conduct & manidgmt. of affairs here, by wch. he is made a fit instrument in the hand of the Lord for the work and service he is called to, and I wish with all my heart that all the Governours upon the Earth were such as he is.

I have heard that thou art chosen by the Proprietors and come over to be Governour of East Jarsey, which is well and may be a blessing both to thee and the people if thou

stands in God's counsell and acts in his wisdom otherwise high places are slippery, and more snares attends him that Governs than him that Suffers, so my dear Friend my desire is that thou maist walk in wisdom's path, and wait at the posts of her Gates y^t Thee may fill thy Treasury, and then thou wilt be the Peoples Treasure, and have their hearts, and then it will be easie to govern & righteousness will Establish your Governmt., I know thou art grave and solid, & wise, & patient having a command of thy own spirit, and many other Qualifications and Indowments fit for a Governour, yet all will not doe without the pure wisdom that is from above, and a meek and Quiet Spirit which is of great price with the Lord, for the meek he guides in Judgment and he teaches the humble his ways.

I have lately seen a letter or a copy of one in thy name disowning Saml. Jennings, and charging him with breaking his Allegiance to the King, and betraying his trust with Edwd. Billing, and acting contrary to the Principles of Truth, and compareing him to plotters & subverters of Governmt. &c. ordering the said charge to be published which I did admire at and was much grived to see, & could wish it had been deferred till thou and hee had discoursed together, and that had been gospell order. and its possible he might have given thee such Satisfaction as to have prevented this publick disowning, or thou mightst have convinced him of his errour (if he be wrong) and brought him to repentance, and so have saved him, which is better than to destroy, as Christ Jesus came not to destroy mens lives, but to save them, for my part when I think of it I am grived and dread the consequence of it, how the Enemies of truth, and of the Prosperity of these new Plantations will open their mouths agt. us, and say, wt. are these Quakers now they are tryed with Governmt, they rise up against one another to destroy one another, for it seems as if thou wouldst Induce the people to disown his power as being Illegall, and expose him to the severity of the law as a Traytor agt. the King, and to be disowned by Friends as a Treacherous person that acts agt. the Principles of truth, and all this from reports & seeing the acts.

of their assembly, without speaking with him or writing to him, for my part except I had seen it, I could not have believed that a man of thy wisdom and moderation that knows the Practice and order of the Gospel in such cases should give such a rash Judgment, but I am afraid thou hast adhered to the Counsell of some that are rotten hearted, and would lead thee into the snares of death, as they have done their own souls, yet I am in hopes that when this business comes to be debated before Soild weighty Friends and either thee or he is sensible of your Errour, there will be a condescending and the breach healed and not made wider for I would not have the hand of the Lord, goe agt. either of you, for I love you both, and my desire to the Lord is, that you may be preserved, and be a blessing to the people over whom you govern, I and my wife and 8 children are all at this place in good health, and soe have been mostly since we came, John my Eldest writes for the Register James is book keeper to the Society, so with mine and my wives dear love in the truth to thee I rest

Thy Endearred Friend

PHILADELPHIA y^e 4th. 2d. Month. 1684

EDWARD HAISTWELL

My last to thee was y^e 13th 12 month whereof Inclosed is Coppy then sent a bill for 30 lb: this is the 2d bill: I have through Multiplicity of buisnes & being absent from home lost some oppertunitys of sending my silver & skins, but now I hope I shall gett them away by Tho: budd & some other freinds who are to come here from Burlington to goe for Maryland & goe by shipping for London, Just now is come to hand thine of 11 9 mo ³/₄ Captain Purvis & one for James, I observe thou hadst recd 4lb. 18s. Debenter money of the nine which is well & pd. y^e Cheese monger &c. I wish thou hadst pd. John heywood 5s. which is all I owe him, for he writes Peevishly about it, but I remember very well that offered him the money divers times if he would take what was due to him which he refused & in his letter he writes as if I was run away in his Debt so pay him 5s. and take his

receit in full, & I have done with him, I have been 3 weeks from home about 150 miles of whare they take the whales, they took 2 while I was there, they had killed about 12 in all & lost 3 of them & they intend to stay till the end of this month & may expect to gitt 5 or 6 more they fish for the Society but must be pd. the Markett prise for $\frac{2}{3}$ of the oyle & bone besides some other Charges we are at so that we are like to gett no great Matter by it this time, this is the first year of their fishing and they were not provided with Nessesarys in time else they might have made 100 lb each man here being great plenty of whales & very easy to take them here is also abundance of Sturgeon & other fish, many things I should write laergly of but have not time nor opportunity being $\text{\textcircled{p}}$ plexed with the Societys business far beyond what ever I expected or would have undertooke if I had known it for 3 times my sallary, I hope it will be better quickly for the president has laid down his place, & we are to have a Generall Court this month, I cannot write to the Comitte or counsell there till our affairs in better order & I have more leasure.

The 29th. 5 mo 1684

Since the above written which I missed the opportunity of sending I have recd. thine of the 2d. 1 mo the chief Import of which is an account of the wonderfull frost &c. and great persecution throughout England, which we are sorry to hear, but satisfyed in this that the Lord will preserve in the time of Tryall all that trust in him, and reward them many fold for all their sufferings, that are faithfull to him, As for Sr. St. John Broidrick defaming of me which I perceve he has done to Friends and others, Pray tell him I take it very unkindly, and did not Expect it from him he might consider how I accomodated him with great Summs of money by Exca. 4 or 500 lb at a time when none Else would to his great conveniency and my hazard for if he had dyed in the Interim, I believe I had lost it every penny, and then his not paying the bills in divers months after they were due whereby I lost the Profit of one return by Exca. if not two, which might have been double what I charge him for

Interest, It is true Fran: & Geo. Rogers winked at it to keep in his favour or for some Private advantage, but there is no reason or Equity, that I should lose it, then for the 20 lb I charged him with in a former account, but in the first account I gave his sons it was omitted by reason the Goldsmith pd. it, and I had not accounted wth. the Goldsmith, and had paid divers sums without receipts that 20 lb being omitted he denyed it, and I could not prove it, soe I said little of it, and rather than I would have gone to law with him, I would have lost it, but I believe in my conscience he had it, and it is plain the goldsmith chargeth me with it: And of this there is 14—3—8 due to me which it is like he will never pay, As for the 40 lb he sais was charged in a former, if he can make that appear I will pay him 60 lb for it, but I have examined the acct. and find most certainly that it is not charged twice, satisfye G. F & I O and other friends in this case, where he has scandalized me; Inclosed I send thee an Invoyce of 4 hhd. & 1 bale furr, and 330½ oz. silver, which to gather amounts to £172—6—4, and the 30 lb. bill of Exca makes 202—6—4 whereof I desire thee to pay Thomas Hart 15 lb. Ralph Weeks 42 lb. provided I may have a discharge in full, Alexander Parker 50 lb. Thomas Glover 53 lb. and take up my bond and send it me cancelled, and the rest to Edwd. Man wch. I hope may be 40 lb, the silver comes to me a great deal finer than Starling, therefore I rate it at 5½s. ⅔ oz. and hope it may yield more, but sell it as wel. as thou canst, as also the Skins and furr, and pay Jno. Haywood 5s. in full, I owe no money else to any in England, but to Jno. Osgood and Wm. Sharlow, which I shall take care to pay in a little time and the rest due to Edwd. Man, we are forced to trust most wt. we sell, and People will not pay in 6 or 9 months, the Societys Treasurer before I came into the Country, had sold almost all their goods for great profit but upon trust w^{ch} is standing out to this day, so that we have neither cred^t nor money, and now must sue people at law, or be forced to loose all, we have a corne mill going, and are setting up a saw mill and glass house, we hear of a Cargoe by Cap^t East for the Society, but he is not yet ar-

rived, I had a very bad bargain of Jno. Bawdens wine, so that they had my commission business for nothing they rated it at 20 lb p pipe and it is not worth 10 lb, and I doubt will never sell unless for Vinegar for it is all Pricked but one Pipe, there was but about 6 Pipes came safe into my seller, and I lost above 1 hhd. & $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Clarret, the seamen and quarter M^r were the verriest Rogues & Thieves as is to be found in Newgate and the M^r a base Imperious Envious fellow, I would not have gone back with him for 1000 lb, if there be any money in thy hands for my acct, send me p the first good opportunity 3 firkins of the best keeping-butter, & 5 f of cheshire cheese, & 2 firkins soap, or if the Cheese monger in white chappell or Tho. Cooper, will send me a tunn or two of cheese & 10 or 12 firkins of butter, I shall make him returns in a little time to his content, or if anyone will send any commoditys that may be p per as linen serges crape and Bengall, and other slight stuffs, but sends no shoes, gloves stockings nor hatts nor wine of any sort, but if thou wilt send 10 or 20 br^{ls} Mum Iron bound may turn well to acct. for my part I am so weary of the Societys business, that I will get clear as soon as I can, and then I shall be more capable to serve myselfe & others, Deliver the Inclosed, I should write to divers, & will If I have time, if not thou must Excuse me to them, I have above 800 lb owing me in America, but it comes in very slowly, tell Jno. Turner, Jno. Sweetapple about their land that they can have no benefit of it till they either come or send or any others that have bought land, send no window glass nor lead, but Iron is much wanted, and nayls very much vizt 6d 8d & 10d a Tunn of each sort would quickly sell, I conclude.

The Iron monger that lives by Jno. Corke would fain have sent a Tunn of sorted potts, and have trusted me for the returns, if he will now doe it lett me have a Tunn p first 20 small beams to weigh from $\frac{1}{4}$ lb to 5 lb & 1 or two for 10 lb the scales we can fix here & 2 or 3 doz. brass cocks of severall sises.

Tell Richard Gawthorn I take it very unkindly and can-

not tell how to digest it that which he forced from me in my sickness at Gravesend.

Before the sealing hereof I was necessitated to draw a bill on thee for 20 lb ~~þ~~ble at 20 da to George Thorp, which I was very unwilling to doe but it was to stop a gap, which I could not doe otherwise, so I must desire Alexander Parker to stay for 20 lb till I can send farther effects.

THE LANCASTER ASSEMBLY OF 1780.

BY D. McN. STAUFFER.

The list of subscribers to the Lancaster Assembly of 1780, given below, has been hidden for a century and more among the papers of an old family of the borough, and is now first published. It possesses interest in the names still familiar in the town and county, and as showing that even in the dark days of the Revolution there were still some residents of the old borough who could not entirely forego the delights of social intercourse. The letter of protest which follows presents the views of certain others of the inhabitants, and it was well-meant and courageously expressed, even if it did not carry conviction to the hearts of their gayer fellow-citizens :

Edward Hand, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Hand, Jasper Yeates, Mrs. Yeates, Matthias Slough, Mrs. Slough, Miss Barr, George Ross, Mrs. George Ross, William Parr, Mrs. Parr, Miss Parr, Miss P. Parr, John Witmer, Mrs. Witmer, Andrew Graff, Mrs. Graff, George Graff, Mrs. George Graff, Jacob Ziegler, James Ross, Mrs. James Ross, Frederick Kuhn, Paul Zantzinger, Mrs. Zantzinger, William Barton, John Hubley, Mrs. John Hubley, Joseph Hubley, Christopher Wirtz, Mrs. Wirtz, Miss Wirtz, Charles Hamilton, Mrs. Hamilton, Miss Hickenson, Henry Stuber, Mrs. Stu-